

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 31-34 and 38 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1-5, 7, 13, 14, 17, 20-23, 25, 27, 29, 37, and 39 as indicated in the attached claim sheets. Please add new claims 40 and 41 as indicated in the attached claim sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30, 35-37, and 39-41 are pending in the application. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed to overcome the provisional double-patenting rejection at paragraph 11 of the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining rejections are requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The claims are directed to methods for cleaning a flat media workpiece, wherein a liquid jet is directed through a heated liquid boundary layer on the surface of the workpiece to physically dislodge contaminants on the workpiece. Ozone is provided into the environment around the workpiece. The ozone diffuses through the boundary layer to react at the workpiece surface. The claimed methods provide an improved process for cleaning a workpiece.

New claim 40 recites that the heated liquid is at a temperature in the range of 55-120° C. New claim 41 recites that the heated liquid is at a temperature in the range of 85-105° C.

Turning to the § 112 rejections at paragraph 9 of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7, 13, 14, 17, 20-23, 25, 27, 29, 37, and 39 have been amended to change "jet of liquid" to "liquid jet" in order to clarify that the "liquid jet" is not the "heated liquid".